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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I had given many arguments against this bill on General File. I was dead set against the bill as it existed in the green copy. am dead set against it now. However, a change has occurred which moderates and alters the extent of my opposition and way that I will express it. Senator Hudkins made substantial rewrites of the bill. There's a board which will lead to accountability. Some unnecessary and to me objectionable language has been eliminated and we're not looking to have an agency or an organization, whatever it was, outside the state be the determining factor whether somebody is qualified to engage in what I call quackery. Any of us can apply any descriptive label to whatever we're discussing. As Senator Hudkins and others pointed out, acupuncture is something that is thousands of years old, but that doesn't mean that everybody who decides they re going to jump on that train has the capability and competency to engage in the practice at a high level of "this" effectiveness. This in America, when I say acupuncture, has become faddish like so many things. Perfumed candles become fragrance therapy or odor therapy or whatever they call it...oh, aroma therapy. Anything, just add therapy, and you're home free. I have seen people actually buy water out of the tap that's put in bottles. And there are people who cart it around the Capitol in great big containers and there are people around here who pay for water out of the tap. If I were not such an honest person, I would go to the side of my house fill up these bottles and put a label on it and sell it. But I don't believe in child abuse or taking advantage of thos who are mentally challenged. What I did think about doing, if people are going to pay for water out of the tap, they're going to buy pet rocks, I was creating an invention which would purify the air. It consists of a cardboard box with holes cut in the front for eyes and then little decals you can put on the front so the mouth can turn up for a smile or down for a frown so you can give an idea to people on the outside what the feeling is of the one on the inside, and you just put this box over your head. And in the same way that that water in that bottle takes on magical properties and qualities, the air within this box is purified. You don't get colds, you won't get pneumonia, you won't get box elder bugs, you won't get arthritis, you won't get anything as long as you have one of these boxes. I do a cable